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PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK IS MAY 4-10

TOWSON, MD (May 4, 2008) -- For more than 11,500 employees of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS), keeping communities safe is not just a goal; it's a success story 365 days a year. "I'm proud of our dedicated men and women and appreciate the tremendous effort they put forth on a daily basis," says Gary Maynard, Secretary of DPSCS. "This week is a chance for everyone to say 'thank you' to these public servants who do so much more than many citizens realize."

DPSCS includes the *Division of Correction's* state prisons and pre-release centers; the nationally-acclaimed *Patuxent Institution*; and the Baltimore City facilities in the *Division of Pretrial Detention and Services*, including Central Booking, one of the busiest booking centers in the nation.

But "Public Safety" is much more than "corrections." The department also supervises more than 70,000 people through its *Division of Parole and Probation*. Critical parole decisions are made by the *Maryland Parole Commission*. DPSCS' *Emergency Number Systems Board* helps maintain 911 phone systems across the state.

All agencies within the Department provide important victims' services, and victims receive the court-ordered restitution they are due through the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Board*. DPSCS trains police and correctional officers in state-of-the-art facilities at its *Police and Correctional Training Commissions*. *The Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards ensures that all local jails are in compliance with the law.*

Public Safety and Correctional Employees Appreciation Week in Maryland culminates with the DPSCS annual Awards Banquet at Michael's Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie on Friday, May 9 at 10 a.m. In Western Maryland, the Hagerstown region of the Division of Correction will participate in an awards ceremony that same evening. And facilities throughout the DPSCS will have their own special ceremonies and events to honor employees.

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